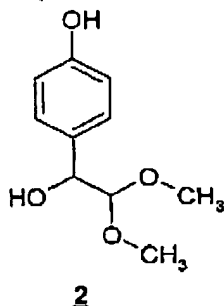


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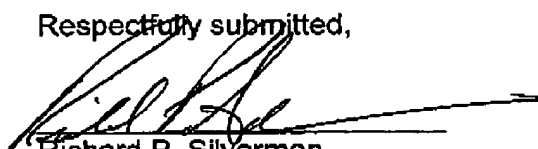
compound 4-(1-hydroxy-2,2-dimethoxy-ethyl)-phenol, which is introduced in Applicant's specification at page 8 as structure 2 as shown hereinbelow and exemplified in Examples 1-4.



It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the restriction requirement is now satisfied and the examination of this application on the merits can now proceed. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

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